

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1079 – SB 1213

March 1, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004504): Deletes the original bill. Removes the exemption for Morgan and Rhea Counties from the current jury selection method which utilizes a jury coordinator rather than a jury commissioner.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Decrease Local Expenditures – \$600

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Morgan and Rhea Counties were specifically exempted from the juror selection method implemented pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-2-101 et. seq., which replaced jury commissioners with a jury coordinator. This bill removes the exemption.
- According to the Morgan County Circuit Court Clerk, jury commissioners are paid \$100 per day of service. Morgan County will use the funds previously paid to jury commissioners to hire a jury coordinator, resulting in a not significant fiscal impact.
- According to the Rhea County Circuit Court Clerk, jury commissioners are paid \$50 per quarter. There are three commissioners in Rhea County. The Circuit Court Clerk will serve as jury coordinator at no additional cost to the county resulting in a decrease to local expenditures of \$600 (\$50 x 4 quarters x 3 commissioners).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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